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Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

N.O. FILE NO. 100-12519

REPORT MADE AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE 2/5/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 11/5,9,19,30,27; 12/1/43	REPORT MADE BY JOHN B. FRISCH JBF:lef
TITLE FRIEZ LANG, alias Friederich Lang			CHARACTER OF CASE IMMIGRATION PROCEEDINGS - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject sponsored visit to United States of one MARIA KARCH of Rheinpfalz, Germany in 1938. Subject born Durbach Baden, Germany 11/28/03. Has been in United States approximately seventeen years, during which time he has been engaged in oil exploration work with seismograph party in southwestern Louisiana and Texas. Married native of Lake Arthur, Louisiana. Has property in Lake Arthur, Louisiana. Naturalized 4/16/31 at Houston, Tex. Has relatives in Germany, including former German submarine commander who has been recalled to service. Reported to have received mail from mother in Switzerland. Subject has expressed no pro-Hitler sympathies in Lake Arthur.

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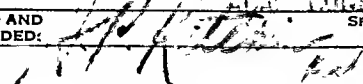
DETAILS: This investigation is predicated upon information received from T-1 that the subject sponsored a visit of MARIA KARCH of Rheinpfalz, Germany. According to T-1, Miss KARCH arrived in United States January 20, 1938 aboard the SS "BREITEN".

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Mr. G. V. BERGOLD, Acting Naturalization Examiner, Immigration and Naturalization Service, advised they had a record of one FRIEZ LANG, also known as FRIEDRICH LANG, who was naturalized at Houston, Texas on April 16, 1931. His Petition number is No. 3644. Further information regarding his naturalization can be obtained from the records of Immigration and Naturalization Service at Houston, Texas.

AT LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

ALAN MUEZ, Train Street, advised that he has known the subject

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for at least fifteen years. Subject originally came to Lake Arthur with a seismograph crew sponsored by the SHELL OIL COMPANY of Houston, Texas. The leader of this seismograph crew was Dr. LBY who now lives in Houston. NUNEZ advised that the entire crew consisted of Germans who had come from Germany. According to NUNEZ, the subject is still employed by the SHELL OIL COMPANY at Houston, Texas and returns to Lake Arthur regularly to visit relatives of his wife and friends. NUNEZ stated subject has bought property at Lake Arthur. Subject is married to a native of Lake Arthur, Louisiana whose maiden name is MARGARET RIBBIE. Subject's wife travels with him, who, at the present time, is doing exploration work in southwestern Louisiana and Texas.

NUNEZ remembered the subject told him that he was naturalized more than ten years ago, either at Lake Charles or Opelousas, Louisiana. According to NUNEZ, subject went to Germany about six or eight years ago with his wife for a visit. They remained in Germany approximately two months. Subject has told NUNEZ that he has a sister and one or two brothers in Germany. One of his brothers was a commander of a submarine in World War I and later received employment in government service, and sometime this year has been taken back into the submarine service. Subject told NUNEZ that he received this information regarding his brother's recall from his mother who is in Switzerland. Upon subject's return from Germany he told NUNEZ that Germany was very well prepared for war and really had never stopped preparing since World War I, and he further stated that no country could defeat Germany at any time. Since the outbreak of the war, subject has told NUNEZ that HITLER is the cause of all the trouble and not the German people who were not in sympathy with him. He made the statement to NUNEZ that he, personally, would like to kill HITLER. NUNEZ has observed that the subject comments favorably on American victories and has never expressed hope for a German victory.

Regarding subject's background, subject has told NUNEZ that he came to this country when he was twelve or fourteen years of age and received his first employment in a hotel restaurant in New York City. While in New York he became interested in seismograph work and joined a crew of German citizens in exploration work in southwestern Louisiana. Subject has told NUNEZ that he intends to make his permanent home in Lake Arthur, Louisiana. He has never stated that he intended to return to Germany. NUNEZ did not know of any organizations the subject belong to nor was he acquainted with any literature or correspondence the subject received.

Mr. T. L. BROUSSARD, Lake Arthur Pharmacy, has known the subject for approximately fifteen years and stated the subject originally resided in Lake Arthur for two years and has returned intermittently. BROUSSARD was not acquainted with the subject's sympathies and general background. He remembered that the subject had returned to Germany about eight years ago for a visit.

Mr. PAUL GAITHE, grocer, advised that he was acquainted with the subject but not sufficiently to know the subject's sympathies or background.

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GAITHE remembered that while the subject's exploration crew was operating in the vicinity of Lake Arthur one of the members of that crew had told GAITHE that all of the data they obtained regarding oil deposits was forwarded to the office of the Seismograph Company in Germany.

Mr. EARL A. DOLAND, Lake Arthur Lumber Company, has known subject ten years but had no additional information to offer regarding his background or sympathies.

Mr. D. W. PRICE of the Price Fish Market, has known subject since 1936 as a companion on hunting trips. Subject has told PRICE that there should be no question in anyone's mind whether he liked Germany better than the United States, because if he liked Germany better than the United States he would be there now. Subject has expressed sympathies for his family, presently in Germany, but has not expressed sympathies for the nazi government. PRICE stated subject seems to be in close touch with his mother who is presently in Switzerland.

JAMES THACKSTON, Uneeda Cleaners, was also a companion of the subject's on hunting trips. THACKSTON advised subject has never made any comparison between German and United States Governments and has never discussed his background, including his trip to Germany eight years ago. THACKSTON remembered that subject's friendship with ADAM NUNEZ had provoked considerable comment in the community because NUNEZ is a very unscrupulous character who would be inclined to do almost anything for money. THACKSTON remembered that during a discussion in the tavern of LEO PLASANT of Lake Arthur certain individuals had made statements criticizing HITLER, at which time the subject stated: "If people knew HITLER better they would not say those things about him". THACKSTON believed that subject was probably slightly intoxicated at the time he made this statement.

Mrs. BEATRICE RAVEZ, Assistant Postmaster, remembered that about seven years ago subject's wife had sent some money to Germany. She also remembered that the subject, prior to the outbreak of the war, received regular letters from Germany and also packages, sometimes of substantial size. She did not remember the subject receiving any foreign mail since the outbreak of the war.

IVEY DUHON, City Marshal, Lake Arthur, has done some hunting with the subject but is not acquainted with the subject's background or sympathies.

ANNA BROUSSARD, VETRA ELLIS DOLLAND, Miss MILLERED DINKMORE and Mr. LEO PLASANT were contacted for information regarding subject's background and sympathies with negative results.

AT JENNINGS, LOUISIANA

I. S. GOLDER of the I. S. GOLDER COMPANY, advised he has known subject for approximately twelve years when subject originally came to Lake Arthur with the Royal Dutch Exploration Crew headed by MARTIN LEISSNER. According to GOLDER, MARTIN LEISSNER is now retired and living at the Liberty Bell Tourist Court, Liberty, Texas. GOLDER considered the subject to be extremely honest, trustworthy, but has been unable to ascertain the sympathies of the subject because the subject refused to discuss the progress of the war.

Mr. LEWIS DELAUNAY, Deputy Sheriff, Jefferson Davis Parish, advised they had no record of the subject and had never received any complaints of un-Americanism on the part of the subject. DELAUNAY, however, advised he learned from a source he could not remember that the subject had a brother who was a former commander of a German submarine. He stated that he has personally met the subject several times but at the time of these meetings the discussions were confined to activities regarding oil. DELAUNAY also commented that subject's most frequent contact was ADAM NUNEZ, a man of very low character whose activities are questionable.

Miss RUBY BUCH, Local Board 1, Jefferson Davis Parish, advised the subject was registered at that Board and has Order No. 10040. He gives as his residence Lake Arthur, Louisiana. Background information contained in the file reflects that subject received eight years of elementary education and four years of high school training. At the present time he is Party Manager of a seismograph party and has had seventeen years of experience in this work. His employer is the SHELL OIL COMPANY, Post Office Box 2099, Houston, Texas. He married MARGARET RIETTE at Houston, Texas on August 26, 1930.

All of the individuals referred to above were asked whether they knew a MARIA KARCH whose visit to the United States subject sponsored in 1938. No individual recognized the name of MARIA KARCH.

The following description of the subject was obtained from ADAM NUNEZ and his Selective Service records:

Name	FRITZ LANG
Date and place of birth	November 29, 1903, Durbach Eaden, Germany
Height	6 ft. 1 in.
Weight	200 lbs.
Hair	Blonde
Eyes	Blue
Scars and marks	None
Marital status	Married
Employer	SHELL OIL CO., Houston, Texas.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE HOUSTON FIELD DIVISION:

AT HOUSTON, TEXAS - Will check office indices for any information on Dr. EBY, a member of the original seismograph party who came to Lake Arthur, Louisiana about fifteen years ago. Subject was a member of this group.

Will contact subject's employer, the SHELL OIL COMPANY, INC., Post Office Box 2099, for background information and any information regarding subversive tendencies on the part of the subject.

AT LIBERTY, TEXAS - Will contact MARTIN LEISSNER, Liberty Bell Tourist Court, to ascertain what he knows of the subject's background and sympathies. LEISSNER is also reported to have been a member of the original seismograph party that came to Lake Arthur.

THE NEW ORLEANS, FIELD DIVISION:

AT LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA - Will, after the above leads are covered, interview subject to ascertain circumstances under which he sponsored the trip of MARIA KARCH to the United States in 1938 and to also ascertain if subject entertains any un-American sympathies.

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SOURCE OF INFORMATION

T-1 Report of Special Agent WILLIAM P. JONES, dated September 13, 1943 at Washington, D. C. in the case entitled "HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINES; NORTH GERMAN LINE; FORTRA, INC.; PAUL FIERCHOW; SECURITY MATTER - C". This file sets forth information obtained from the files of the HAMBURG-AMERICAN LINES in Washington, D. C.

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA**

FILE NO. **100-4696**

REPORT MADE AT HOUSTON, TEXAS	DATE WHEN MADE 3/8/44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 2/29/44	REPORT MADE BY RALPH H. SCHAPPELL CLW (rd)
TITLE FRITZ LANG, alias FRIEDERICH LANG			CHARACTER OF CASE DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No record in files of this office on DR. EBY. Files of Shell Oil Corporation reveal subject filed declaration of intention in Doylestown, Pa. December 15, 1924 and citizenship was granted at Houston, Texas April 16, 1931. Employed by Shell Corporation since May 1926. Subject visited Germany, France, and Switzerland between August 15, 1930 and November 24, 1930. Presently married to MARGARET RIETTE. Fellow employees regard subject as loyal American citizen. MARTIN LEISSNER, former fellow employee states subject hard-headed but entirely loyal and patriotic and advises subject often stated he was very thankful he was in the United States and away from the Hitler regime.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN B. FRISCH, New Orleans 2/5/44.

DETAILS:

The indices of the Houston Office were checked against the name of DR. EBY with negative results.

FRITZ LANG is the subject of a closed file in this office which investigation was conducted by the Houston Police Department on February 5, 1943. This investigation reflects the following:

The personnel files of the Shell Oil Corporation reveal that the subject was born at Durbach, Germany, November 28, 1903 and received his high school education in Durbach. He immigrated to the United States from Hamburg, Germany and arrived in New York City September 17, 1923 on the "MOUNT CLINTON". He filed a declaration of intention in

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Doylestown, Pennsylvania, December 15, 1924. The subject came to Houston, Texas in May of 1925 and was employed by the Gulf Oil Corporation from May 25, 1925, through April 26, 1926. In May of 1926 he was employed by the Shell Oil Corporation where he worked until August 15, 1930 at which time the field force was reduced and he was laid off. Between August 15, 1930 and November 24, 1930 the subject visited Germany, France and Switzerland. On November 24, 1930 he reentered the employ of the Shell Oil Corporation in the Geophysical Department. He was again laid off between April and July, 1931, but has worked constantly since this last date.

The files further revealed that the subject married MARGARET RIETTE August 26, 1930 in Houston. They now have two children and his wife was born at Lake Arthur, Louisiana July 20, 1901. The subject's father is deceased and his mother MARIA A. LANG is now living in Durbach, Germany. The subject filed a petition for citizenship December 9, 1930 at Houston which citizenship was granted April 16, 1931.

F. C. ZEITMAN, supervisor of the personnel department, stated that the subject stops at the William Penn Hotel when in Houston, which is not over once or twice a year.

MRS. NELLIE CHART, dayroom clerk at the William Penn advised that she has known the subject for the past ten or twelve years because of his stopping at the hotel. She further stated the subject has never gotten out of line and she has never heard him make any derogatory remarks of any kind.

DR. RAY R. MORSE, head of the seismograph department of the Shell Oil Corporation, stated that he has never received any complaints from the men working with the subject in regard to any un-American activities, or to his being a member of the German-American Bund, but that he did have a reputation of being a headstrong and forceful individual.

MR. FRANK GOLDSTEIN, Shell Oil Corporation, to whom all seismograph men are responsible, advised that he has never received any information indicating the subject was Pro-German or a member of a German-American Bund Organization.

MARTIN LEISSNER, Route #1, Liberty, Texas, former fellow employee of the subject stated he has known LANG since 1925 during which time both were employed by the Shell Oil Corporation. He then stated that in 1930 the subject was laid off for about seven months because the work became slack, and during this time according to MR. LEISSNER, the subject took a trip to Germany to see his mother. MR. LEISSNER advised the last time he saw the subject was in 1940 in Houston at a Field Manager's Meeting.

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MR. LEISSNER advised that the subject is stubborn and the subject often refers to himself as being a "square-head". According to MR. LEISSNER, the subject has frequently remarked that he was very pleased in this country and was very thankful that he was here and was away from the HITLER regime. MR. LEISSNER then stated that he regards the subject as very loyal and patriotic and a good American citizen, at least up to 1940 the last time he saw the subject.

The files of the Houston Police Department and Retail Credit Exchange were checked against the name of the subject with negative results.

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FILE NO. **100-12519**

REPORT MADE AT New Orleans	DATE WHEN MADE 5-9-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 4-22-44; 5-1-44	REPORT MADE BY JOSEPH P. SULLIVAN JPS:BD
TITLE ① FRITZ LANG, with alias			CHARACTER OF CASE DENATURALIZATION PROCEEDINGS-G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject resided Haynesville, La., latter part of 1940 and Nov. 17, 1943 to 1-21-44. Well regarded and considered loyal and patriotic by landlady and fellow townspeople. No derogatory information developed. Subject left Haynesville 1-21-44 traveling constantly in course of employment with SHELL OIL CO. Temporary headquarters at Jonesboro, La. Scheduled to return to Haynesville during May.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent JOHN B. FRISCH, New Orleans, dated February 25, 1944.

DETAILS: II.

AT HAYNESVILLE, LOUISIANA

CARL C. BROWN, Postmaster, advised that subject no longer held Box 389 at Haynesville but that he had moved on January 21, 1944, but all mail is being forwarded to Jonesboro, Louisiana, in care of the SHELL OIL COMPANY. He stated that address Box 389 had only been a temporary address, that he understood that subject was due to return to Haynesville during the month of May. BROWN indicated that subject had been in Haynesville for three or four months prior to January 21, 1944, and had stayed in the home of Mrs. WILLIAM H. DE FRANCE, 408 First Street West. This location is next door to BROWN's home and during the period that subject had been at Haynesville, BROWN did not become personally acquainted with subject but stated that he appeared to maintain a good reputation and was well regarded by people in this locality. BROWN indicated that during the period mentioned, no unusual mail directed to the subject had come to his attention and that all of it appeared to be business mail from the SHELL OIL COMPANY. BROWN stated that he had never heard the name, MARIA KARCH.

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F. E. RANKIN, vice president of the Planter's Bank & Trust Company, stated that this bank had no account with subject but RANKIN said that he was acquainted with subject and that he had cashed pay roll checks from the SHELL OIL COMPANY for him. RANKIN stated that subject appeared to enjoy a good reputation in Haynesville and that he had never heard any derogatory information concerning him.

CLARENCE E. MILLER, FORD DEALER, stated that subject had rented office space from them on two different occasions relative to work with the SHELL OIL COMPANY. He described subject as possessing good character, fine habits and made a good impression in the community. He stated subject was a manager of a seismograph group for the SHELL OIL COMPANY and that he was well regarded by his fellow employees. MILLER stated that he had become well acquainted with subject on two occasions mentioned and that he had never heard him express any opinions as to the present world conflict or any statements regarding Hitler or the German cause. He stated that he considered subject a loyal, patriotic citizen. MILLER advised that he had never heard the name, MARIA KARCH.

Mrs. WILLIAM H. DE FRANCE, 408 First Street West, advised that subject and his wife had lived in her home November 17, 1943, to January 21, 1944, departing at that time and going to Jonesboro, Louisiana. She stated that subject was scheduled to return to Haynesville during the month of May for a stay of approximately three months. She stated that she was not acquainted with subject prior to his living in her home but that she considered him the best tenant that she had had in six years. She described subject as quiet, honest, satisfied tenant and she had never heard him express any political or international opinions. She stated that she was naturally curious regarding subject and his wife because of his name and apparent German background and that she had become very close to subject's wife and described her as one of the nicest persons she had ever known. She stated that anything that she might say about the subject would have to be good. She further added that she had never heard the name MARIA KARCH.

Mrs. GEORGE T. NORTON and Miss DORA TINSLEY, sisters, 209 State Street, stated that subject had stayed in their home for six or seven months in 1940. They stated they were acquainted with the fact that subject had been born in Germany and although they had been originally suspicious because of this background, yet during their acquaintance with the subject, they had formed the opinion that he was a loyal and patriotic naturalized American citizen. They indicated that subject was not in the habit of talking political questions and had never heard them mention anything regarding political controversies, Hitler, or the German cause. It was their opinion that subject was glad that he was an American and they felt that he conducted his life accordingly.

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AT HOMER, LOUISIANA

Deputy Sheriff GREER advised that a check of the Sheriff's records of Claiborne Parish was negative concerning subject.

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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION:

At Haynesville, Louisiana, will determine when subject returns to Haynesville and interview him to ascertain circumstances under which he sponsored the trip of MARIA KARCH to the United States in 1938 and also ascertain if subject entertains any un-American sympathies.

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REPORT MADE AT MR. ORLEANS, LA.	DATE WHEN MADE 11-9-44	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 10-13-44	REPORT MADE BY ALBERT J. BIEBERICH AJE/RMD
TITLE WRECK LING with alias Friederich Lang.			CHARACTER OF CASE DERMATOLOGICAL PROCEEDINGS-G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject presently residing in Natchitoches, La., care of the Shell Oil Company. Well regarded and considered loyal and patriotic by fellow citizens in Lake Arthur, Louisiana.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent JOSEPH F. SULLIVAN dated May 9, 1944 at New Orleans, Louisiana.

DETAILS:

AT LAKE ARTHUR, LOUISIANA

II

Mrs. EMIL T. GAUTIER, Postmistress, Lake Arthur, La., advised that she was very familiar with the subject; however, she has not seen him in the past five or six months. He was formerly employed in this area with the Shell Oil Company, and called at the Post Office daily for the company mail. About two years ago he purchased several lots on the lake front, and about a year ago subject purchased a small farm across the lake. Mrs. GAUTIER believes that subject intends to return some day to this community to reside permanently. She pointed out that he is married to a Lake Arthur girl, whose family has resided in this section of the country for many many years. Mrs. GAUTIER further stated that subject has always been well regarded in the community, and was considered to be loyal and patriotic. Although he is of German descent, apparently he has never given any indication whatsoever of any sympathies for Germany or any of her enemies. He has always conducted himself as a loyal American citizen.

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Mrs. MARY D. LACK, Lake Arthur, Louisiana, advised that she is the next-door neighbor to Mr. and Mrs. CHARLES RIETTE, who are the parents of the subject's wife. The RIETTE family are decidedly French. Mrs. LACK believes that Mr. RIETTE was born in France and that Mrs. RIETTE was born in New Orleans. They have six daughters and one son. MARGARET RIETTE is married to the subject. Mrs. LACK has known the RIETTE family since 1903 and is familiar with their French background and patriotism for this country. Mrs. LACK pointed out that subject's five year old son developed a tumor on the brain about a year ago and was operated upon in Houston. He died as a result of the operation, and she said that she has never seen anyone effected so deeply as the subject was as a result of the death of his son. She has always considered the subject to be loyal and patriotic to this country, and has never noticed any indication of any sympathies on his part towards Germany, or any of her enemies.

Mrs. LEO CHAPMAN, Jennings, Louisiana, a sister of the subject's wife, whose husband is presently in the U. S. Army in France, advised that subject and his family are presently living in Natchitoches, Louisiana, and may be contacted care of the Shell Oil Company in that city. She stated that they moved to Natchitoches, La. from Jonesboro, La., about two or three months ago. She pointed out that subject has only visited Germany once since his arrival in this country, and that was in 1933, when he and his wife honeymooned there. She understands that subject's Mother and Sister are presently living in Switzerland, but does not believe that he has corresponded with them since the war. Mrs. CHAPMAN pointed out that she and her family are decidedly French and that subject's family is German; however, she has never heard him make any statement which indicated he had any sympathy for the present German Government, or of his prejudice in any way towards the U. S. and the Allies. Mrs. CHAPMAN does not question subject's loyalty to this country.

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THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION

AT NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA will, through the Shell Oil Company of Natchitoches, Louisiana, locate subject and interview him to ascertain the circumstances under which he sponsored the trip of MARLENE BIRCH to the U. S. in 1938, and will also ascertain if subject entertains any un-American sympathies.

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TITLE EDITH LANG, wa Friedrich Lang			CHARACTER OF CASE ADMINISTRATION PROCEEDINGS - C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject now located Ruston, Louisiana, care of Shell Oil Company. Subject well thought of and considered loyal and patriotic by Sheriff EARL J. JONES, Natchitoches, Louisiana.

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REFERENCE:

Report of Special Agent ALBERT J. WESTERHOLM, dated 11-9-44 at New Orleans.

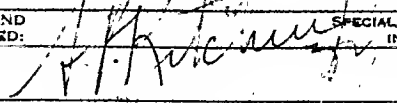
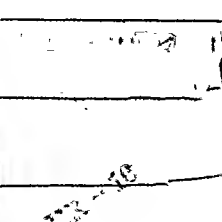
DETAILS:

AT NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA

Sheriff EARL J. JONES advised he has been acquainted with the subject for a good many years and during that time he has never heard anything derogatory concerning the subject. He stated he would consider the subject a loyal and patriotic citizen of the United States and that he has never noticed any indication on the part of the subject to side with Germany in any argument.

Sheriff JONES stated he had not seen the subject around Natchitoches, Louisiana for the past month or so and believed he had moved to some other part of the state; however, he advised that the Shell Oil Company purchased all of its gasoline at the T. M. Stroud Ford Agency during the time they were stationed at Natchitoches and that no doubt this company would be able to furnish the present location of subject.

At the T. M. Stroud Ford Agency it was determined that during the latter part of October, 1944, the men working for the Shell Oil Company in the vicinity of Natchitoches had moved to Ruston, Louisiana.

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AT MONROE, LOUISIANA

While being interviewed on another matter, Mr. ~~LENN~~ ~~SMITH~~ volunteered the information he was acquainted with a German by the name of ERICH LING. Mr. ~~SMITH~~ stated that although the subject was a German he considered him a loyal American citizen and entirely patriotic to this country. He advised he had never heard the subject make any un-American statements and that he did not believe the subject was the type of individual who would make statements against this country.

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THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION:

At Ruston, La., will, through the Shell Oil Company, locate subject and interview him to ascertain the circumstances under which he sponsored the trip of MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. to the U. S. in 1938, and will also ascertain if subject entertains any un-American sympathies.

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TITLE SATZ LINE, alias Frederick Long			CHARACTER OF CASE IDENTIFICATION PROCEEDINGS - G

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Review of file indicates no further investigation warranted.

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REFERENCE: Report of Special Agent C. W. BROWN, dated 1-16-45, at New Orleans, La.

DETAILS: At BOSTON, LOUISIANA:

Several attempts were made to locate and interview subject at Ruston, Louisiana where he is presently employed by the Shell Oil Company and residing with Dr. TOLENT at 109 South Jones Street.

A review of the file in this matter in the New Orleans Field Division reflects that the investigation in this case was originally predicated upon information that subject had sponsored a visit to this country in 1938 of one MARIA KARCH, a German alien. Subsequent investigation indicated that subject had traveled extensively throughout Louisiana and his employers, fellow employees and acquaintances spoke very highly of him and have noted no un-American tendencies on his part.

Inasmuch as no further investigation appears warranted at this time, this case is being closed upon authority of the Special Agent in Charge.

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